

15. The method of claim 12, further including displaying an edit icon in the touch screen display; upon detecting a user selection of the edit icon, displaying a delete icon adjacent to each listed conversation and replacing the edit icon with a done icon; upon detecting a user selection of one of the delete icons, displaying a confirmation icon adjacent to the conversation adjacent to the user selected delete icon; and upon detecting a user selection of the confirmation icon, deleting the conversation adjacent to the user selected delete icon from the touch screen display.

16. A portable electronic device, comprising:

a touch screen display;

one or more processors;

memory; and

one or more programs, wherein the one or more programs are stored in the memory and configured to be executed by the one or more processors, the programs including:

instructions for displaying a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and another person in a chronological order;

instructions for detecting a scrolling gesture comprising a substantially vertical movement of a user contact with the touch screen display, wherein the detecting of the scrolling gesture is substantially independent of a horizontal position of the user contact with the touch screen display; and

instructions for responding to the scrolling gesture by scrolling the display of messages in accordance with a direction of the scrolling gesture.

17. The device of claim 16, wherein messages sent by the user to the other person are displayed on a first side of the touch screen display and messages sent by the other person to the user are displayed on an opposite side of the touch screen display.

18. The device of claim 16, further including instructions for displaying one or more timestamps adjacent one or more of the messages.

19. The device of claim 16, further including instructions for displaying the messages sent by the user to the other person in a first color; and

instructions for displaying the messages sent by the other person to the user in a second color, the second color different from the first color.

20. The device of claim 16, further including instructions for displaying the messages sent by a first one of the user and the other person left justified on the touch screen display; and

instructions for displaying the messages sent by the other one of the user and the other person right justified on the touch screen display.

21. The device of claim 16, further including instructions for visually animating movement of a newly sent message, from the user to the other person, from a message compose region of the touch screen display to a message display region of the touch screen display.

22. The device of claim 16, further including instructions for displaying the messages exchanged between the user and the other person in the message display region; and

instructions for displaying a text box and a first set of keys in the message compose region.

23. The device of claim 22, further including instructions for displaying a symbol in the text box upon detecting a user contact with one of the first set of keys.

24. The device of claim 22, further including instructions for replacing at least a subset of the first set of keys with a second set of keys upon detecting a user contact with one of the first set of keys.

25. The device of claim 22, further including instructions for displaying one or more text entry suggestions in the message compose region in accordance with text entered by the user; and

instructions for, upon detecting a predefined user gesture, adding a user selected text entry suggestion to the text box.

26. The device of claim 22, further including instructions for displaying one or more text entry suggestions in the message compose region in accordance with text entered by the user; and

instructions for, upon detecting a predefined user gesture, replacing at least a portion of text in the text box with a user selected text entry suggestion.

27. A portable electronic device, comprising:

a touch screen display;

one or more processors;

memory; and

one or more programs, wherein the one or more programs are stored in the memory and configured to be executed by the one or more processors, the programs including:

instructions for displaying a list of conversations, each conversation including a set of messages exchanged between a user of the device and a respective other person;

instructions for detecting a scrolling gesture comprising a substantially vertical movement of a user contact with the touch screen display; and

instructions for responding to the scrolling gesture by scrolling the list of conversations in accordance with a direction of the scrolling gesture, wherein the scrolling gesture is substantially independent of a horizontal position of the user contact with the touch screen display.

28. The device of claim 27, further including instructions for displaying an edit icon in the touch screen display;

instructions for, upon detecting a user selection of the edit icon, displaying a delete icon adjacent to each listed conversation and replacing the edit icon with a done icon;

instructions for, upon detecting a user selection of one of the delete icons, displaying a confirmation icon associated with the user selected delete icon;

instructions for, upon detecting a user selection of the confirmation icon, deleting a conversation associated with the user selected delete icon; and

instructions for, upon detecting a user selection of the done icon, deleting the delete icon adjacent to each listed conversation and replacing the done icon with the edit icon.

29. The device of claim 28, further including instructions for displaying the confirmation icon and the user selected delete icon on opposite sides of the touch screen display.

30. A computer-program product, comprising:

a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein, the computer